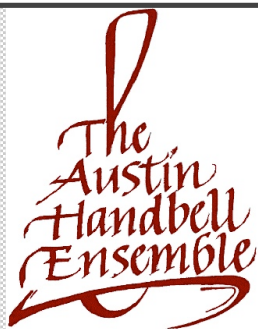


The Austin Handbell Ensemble

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Upcoming Events

Dreaming of Christmas

12/4 12 noon
Noonday Mini Concert
Central Pres. Church
200 E. 8th St.
Austin, TX 78701

12/6 7:00pm
Concert
Wimberley UMC
RR 12 @ CR1492
Wimberley, TX 78676

12/12 7:30pm
Concert
Univ. Pres. Church
2203 San Antonio St.
Austin, TX 78705

12/13 1:00pm
Community Service
Sing Along
Dell Children's Medical
Center of Central TX
4900 Mueller Blvd.
Austin, TX 78723

Check our website for
event details:
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International Handbell Symposium: Recipe for *Ringing in Unity*

AHE members Linda Rutherford and Dee Susong attended the IHS in Orlando last August.

Ingredients:

850 ringers from 11 countries	40 solo concerts
8 directors from 5 countries	Orlando Symphonic Band
7,500 handbells and chimes	4-6 hours of daily rehearsal
2 interpreters (Korean & Japanese)	650+ audience members
35 classes with a dash of international flavor	

Directions:

1. Drive or fly 1,000 miles to sunny Orlando, Florida with your bells, chimes, and pads. Tables will be provided. We thought we'd died and gone to heaven when a mini fork-lift carried ALL of our equipment into the building from the trailer.
2. Register and find your spot among the other 850 ringers on the rehearsal floor. If you are not in the first five rows where you can see the live directors, you had better be near one of the four big screens.
3. Attend opening ceremonies for the festival. Each country walked in carrying their flag and guild banner while their national anthem played...reminiscent of the Olympics.
4. Learn your music before you arrive...no time for that in your busy schedule!
5. Become acquainted quickly with each director's style as conveyed through an interpreter. Listen patiently to a three minute impassioned plea in Japanese that is then translated to "Slower, measure 23."
6. Kick back, relax, and enjoy the amazing solo concerts including the Latin rhythms of the Puerto Rican choir, the kimonos and perfectly synchronized choreography of the young Japanese choir, and the fluid peaceful music of the bell tree soloist.
7. Expand your horizons in classes about English change ringing, Japanese music, and origami. Be sure to sit next to one of the Japanese youth to help guide your folding! Interpreted directions can be confusing.
8. Soothe those sore muscles with a full body massage and some free time spent by the pool. Optional ingredient is a visit to theme parks or the outlet mall. Hope you brought your credit card!
9. Entertain a 650+ audience with a musical journey around the world including Japanese folk songs, pieces commissioned especially for the festival, and some old favorites. What an awe inspiring feeling it was ringing with the Orlando Symphonic Band and the talented Teen Ringers!
10. Plan to participate in International Handbell Symposium 2010 in Osaka, Japan. We'll see you there!

Introducing Doug!

Doug Radziewicz, the newest member of the Austin Handbell Ensemble, started ringing handbells in 1980. He has performed as a handbell soloist in worship services and concerts and recorded a solo album in 1994 as part of a fundraising effort. Doug also served as the Handbell Director at United Reformed Church for two years.

Doug is a former professional baseball player who played in the St. Louis Cardinals organization from 1991-95. He reached the Double-A level before retiring to pursue a career in coaching. From 2000-05, he was the head coach at FDU-Florham, a Division III school in Madison, NJ.

Prior to his pro career, Doug earned a baseball scholarship to The University of Georgia and graduated in 1991 with a degree in journalism and a minor in music and drama. During his junior year, Doug was the starting first baseman when the Bulldogs won the National Championship.

Doug and his wife Carol moved to Hutto in 2007. Doug is currently working as a private baseball instructor and directing handbells at Crestview UMC in Austin.

Would you like to help?

Once again, the AHE asks for your gracious financial support. Sharing the joy of handbells can incur significant costs. Your donations help pay for equipment, travel expenses, music, bell repairs, and education outreach to the community. And remember, since the AHE is a 501(C)(3) non-profit group, your donations are tax deductible. Thanks again for all of your past and future support! Donations can also be made online via PayPal at www.austinhandbells.org.

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